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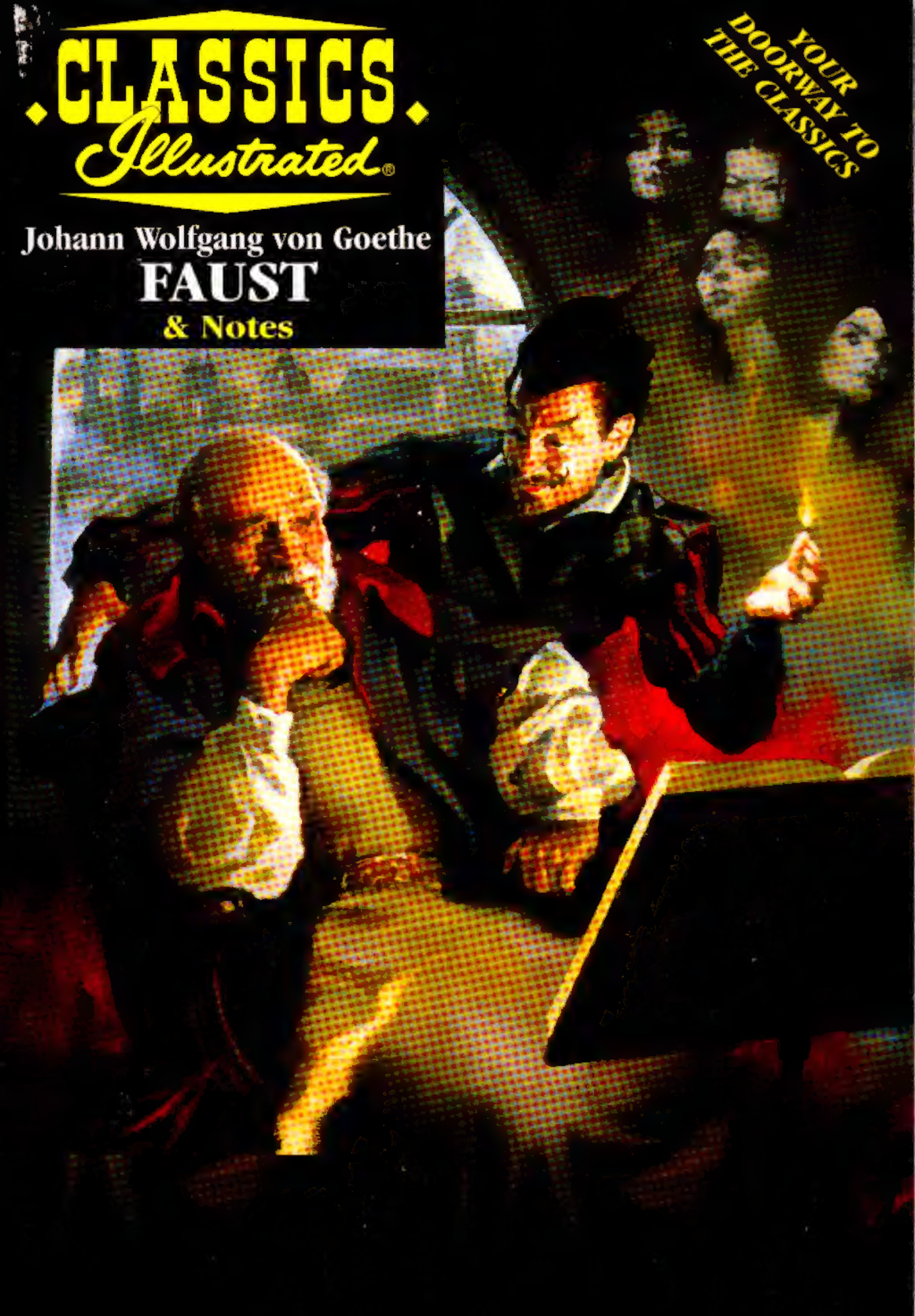

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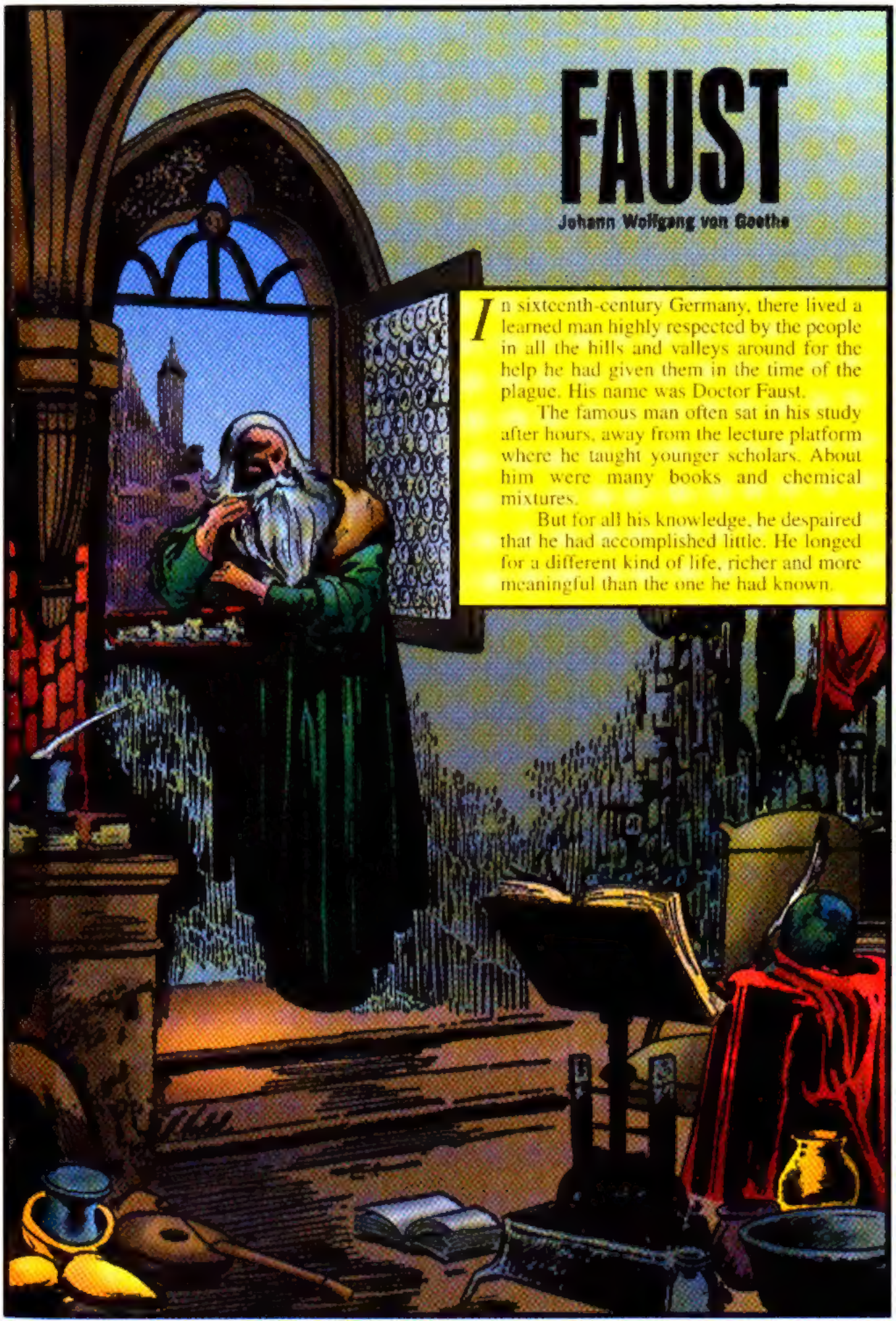

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In sixteenth-century Germany, there lived a learned man highly respected by the people in all the hills and valleys around for the help he had given them in the time of the plague. His name was Doctor Faust.

The famous man often sat in his study after hours, away from the lecture platform where he taught younger scholars. About him were many books and chemical mixtures.

But for all his knowledge, he despaired that he had accomplished little. He longed for a different kind of life, richer and more meaningful than the one he had known.

PART 1

THE ARCHANGELS IN HEAVEN WERE PRAISING THE LORD FOR HIS WONDERFUL CREATIONS ON EARTH WHEN MEPHISTOPHELES, THE DEVIL, APPEARED.

HOW MEN TORMENT THEMSELVES IS ALL I'VE NOTED. THEY USE THEIR REASON ONLY TO GROW WORSE THAN ANY BEAST.

MUST YOU ALWAYS COME WITH SUCH GRUMBLINGS? DO YOU FIND NOTHING RIGHT ON EARTH?

I FIND THINGS THERE STILL AS BAD AS THEY CAN BE. MAN'S MISERY MOVES ME TO SUCH PITY I BARELY HAVE THE HEART TO PLAGUE HIM.

DO YOU KNOW FAUST?

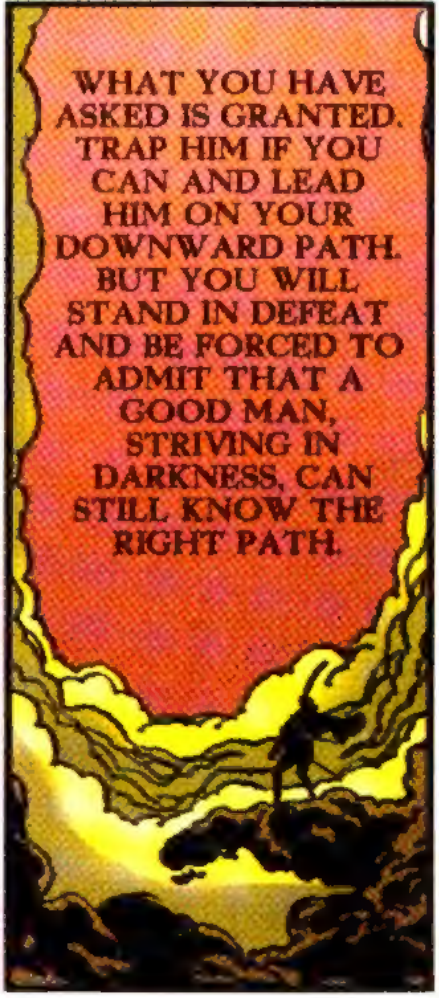
DOCTOR FAUST?

MY SERVANT.

HE SERVES YOU STRANGELY. NOTHING CAN SATISFY THE DESIRES DEEP IN HIS BREAST.

I SHALL SOON LEAD HIM TO A CLEARER VIEW.
WHAT WILL YOU BET? I COULD WIN HIM OVER IF YOU WOULD GIVE ME LEAVE TO.

AS LONG AS MAN LIVES ON EARTH, I WILL NOT STOP YOU. WHILE MAN IS STRIVING, HE CANNOT HELP BUT MAKE MISTAKES.
MY THANKS! I NEVER CARED TO WIN THE DEAD.


WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED IS GRANTED. TRAP HIM IF YOU CAN AND LEAD HIM ON YOUR DOWNWARD PATH. BUT YOU WILL STAND IN DEFEAT AND BE FORCED TO ADMIT THAT A GOOD MAN, STRIVING IN DARKNESS, CAN STILL KNOW THE RIGHT PATH.

IF I WIN, LET ME TRIUMPH WITH A SWELLING BREAST. DUST SHALL HE EAT.
ALL RIGHT. MAN LIKES HIS EASE AND COMFORT TOO MUCH. THAT IS WHY I GAVE HIM SUCH A COMRADE AS YOU, WHO STIRS HIM TO ACT.

SATISFIED, MEPHISTOPHELES WENT ON HIS WAY.
I LIKE TO TALK TO THE LORD NOW AND THEN. IT'S REALLY NICE OF HIM TO GOSSIP WITH THE DEVIL.

UNAWARE OF WHAT HAD PASSED BETWEEN MEPHISTOPHELES AND THE LORD, DOCTOR FAUST SAT RESTLESS AT HIS DESK.
I'VE STUDIED PHILOSOPHY, LAW, MEDICINE AND RELIGION FROM END TO END, AND HERE I STAND NO WISER THAN BEFORE. FOR TEN LONG YEARS I'VE LED MY SCHOLARS BY THE NOSE--ONLY TO LEARN THAT NOTHING CAN BE KNOWN!
TO KNOW THIS CUTS ME TO THE BONE. NO DOG WOULD ENDURE SUCH A CURSED EXISTENCE! WHEREFORE, FROM MAGIC I SEEK ASSISTANCE, THAT I MAY LEARN THE SECRETS OF LIFE AND THE WORLD, AND PLAY WITH EMPTY WORDS NO MORE.
FAUST'S GAZE FELL UPON A FLASK OF POISON. TAKING IT DOWN FROM A SHELF, HE HELD IT GENTLY.
I SEE YOU, AND MY PAIN GROWS LESS.
FAUST POURED THE POISON INTO A GOBLET. BUT AS HE RAISED THE CUP TO HIS LIPS, HE HEARD BELLS AND A CHORUS OF ANGELS SINGING.
THE BELLS ANNOUNCE THE FIRST GLAD HOUR OF EASTER.
MOVED BY THE SWEET HYMNS OF HEAVEN THAT RECALLED HIS YOUTH, HE PUT THE CUP DOWN.

EASTER MORNING FOUND THE TOWNSPEOPLE GATHERED BEFORE THE CITY GATE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION. FAUST AND HIS ASSISTANT, WAGNER, CAME TO OBSERVE THE LIVELY CROWD.

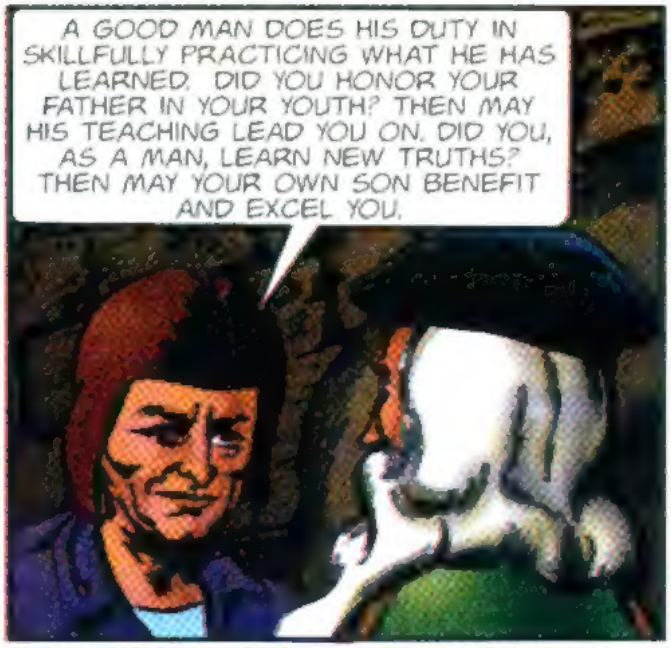
HERE IS THE PEOPLE'S PROPER HEAVEN.

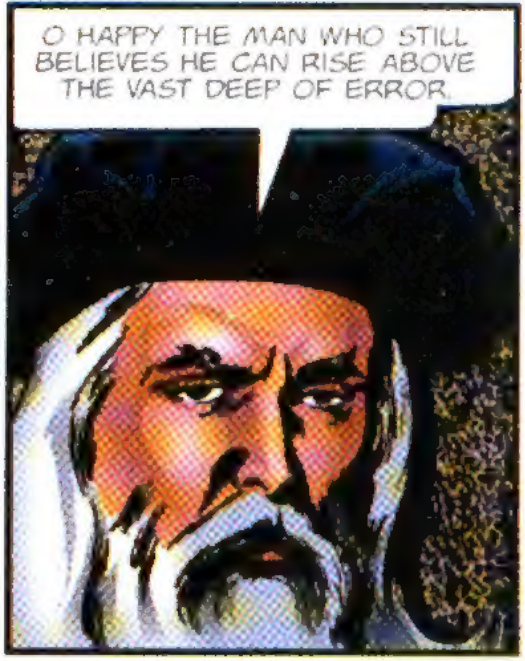
"THEN YOU, ALSO, THOUGH BUT A YOUTH, WENT INTO EVERY HOUSE OF PAIN.

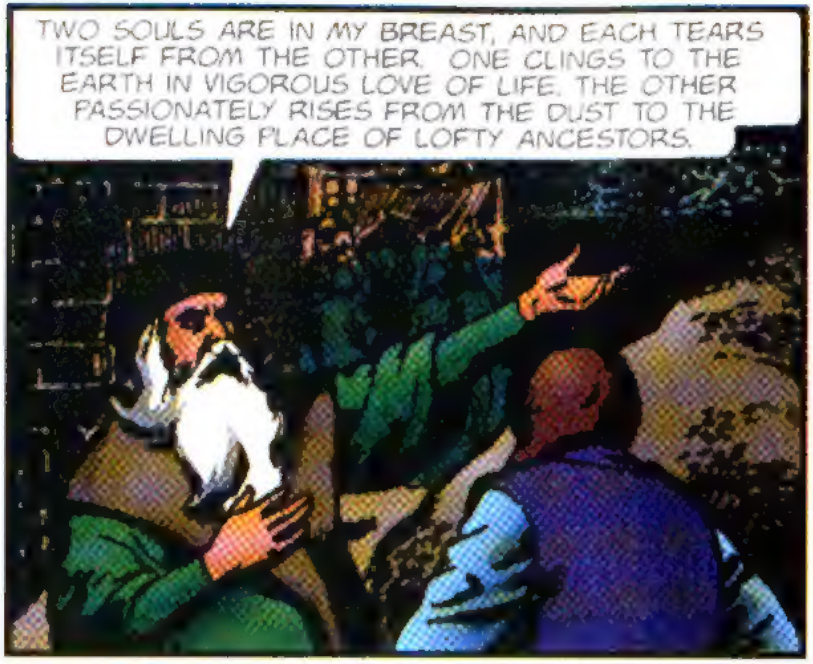
"MANY WERE THE CORPSES THAT WERE CARRIED OUT, BUT YOU ALWAYS PASSED ON IN HEALTH."

"MY FATHER, BENDING IN HIS DUSKY WORKSHOP IN COMPANY WITH OTHER ALCHEMISTS, MIXED OPPOSING SUBSTANCES. WHATEVER HE MADE, THAT WAS MEDICINE.

"THE PATIENTS DIED, AND NO ONE ASKED WHOM WE MADE WELL. THUS, WITH IMPROPER MEDICINE, MY FATHER AND I PASSED THROUGH THESE VALLEYS AND HILLS WORSE THAN THE PLAGUE. THOUSANDS WERE DONE TO DEATH FROM POISON I GAVE THEM."




O HAPPY THE MAN WHO STILL BELIEVES HE CAN RISE ABOVE THE VAST DEEP OF ERROR.


TWO SOULS ARE IN MY BREAST, AND EACH TEARS ITSELF FROM THE OTHER. ONE CLINGS TO THE EARTH IN VIGOROUS LOVE OF LIFE. THE OTHER PASSIONATELY RISES FROM THE DUST TO THE DWELLING PLACE OF LOFTY ANCESTORS.

IF THERE ARE SPIRITS IN THE AIR, LET THEM BEAR ME FORTH TO A NEW LIFE. IF A MAGIC CLOAK WERE MINE THAT COULD CARRY ME OVER THE WORLD AT MY WILL, I WOULD NOT GIVE IT UP FOR THE COSTLIEST TREASURES.

DO NOT INVITE THOSE SPIRITS WHO, EVER IN THE AIR, SEEK TO HARM MANKIND.

IN THE SHADES OF TWILIGHT THAT HAD FALLEN, FAUST NOW SAW A BLACK DOG WHO STRUCK HIM STRANGELY.
DO YOU SEE THAT STREAMING TRAIL OF FIRE WHICH HE SEEMS TO BE WINDING AROUND US?
YOUR EYES DECEIVE YOU. I SEE NOTHING BUT A BLACK POODLE.

THEY PASSED IN THE CORRIDORS THE BLACK DOG RAN NO BEHIND THEN FAUST ENTERED A ROOM. LATER THE PEOPLE WAS ALL IN HIS BEGAN TO BARK
TELL THAT HOWLING BEAST TO GET OUT
BEFORE REALIZING THE PEOPLE STARTED TO GROW AND ROSE HIGHER
WHAT DO I SEE IS IT FACT OR FANTASY?
THE PEOPLE CHANGED INTO A HOST FILLED WITH FIERY EYES AND TERRIBLE TEETH
WHAT EVIL SPIRIT HAVE I BROUGHT INTO THE HOUSE
IF YOU ARE A DEMON, HERE IS A SIGN BEFORE WHICH ALL DEMONS BOW DOWN
AND THE HAIR ALL BRISTLING THE CREATURE BEGAN
BASE BEING! DO YOU KNOW AND FEAR THE LORD?

THE CREATURE EXPANDED TO THE SIZE OF AN ELEPHANT. THEN IT MELTED MIST LIKE, BY THE STOVE. IN THE CLEARING VAPOR, MEPHISTOPHELES APPEARED.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME

I AM THE SPIRIT THAT DENIES ALL THAT YOU CALL SIN AND DESTRUCTION, OR EVIL IF YOU WILL. THAT IS MY PROPER ELEMENT.

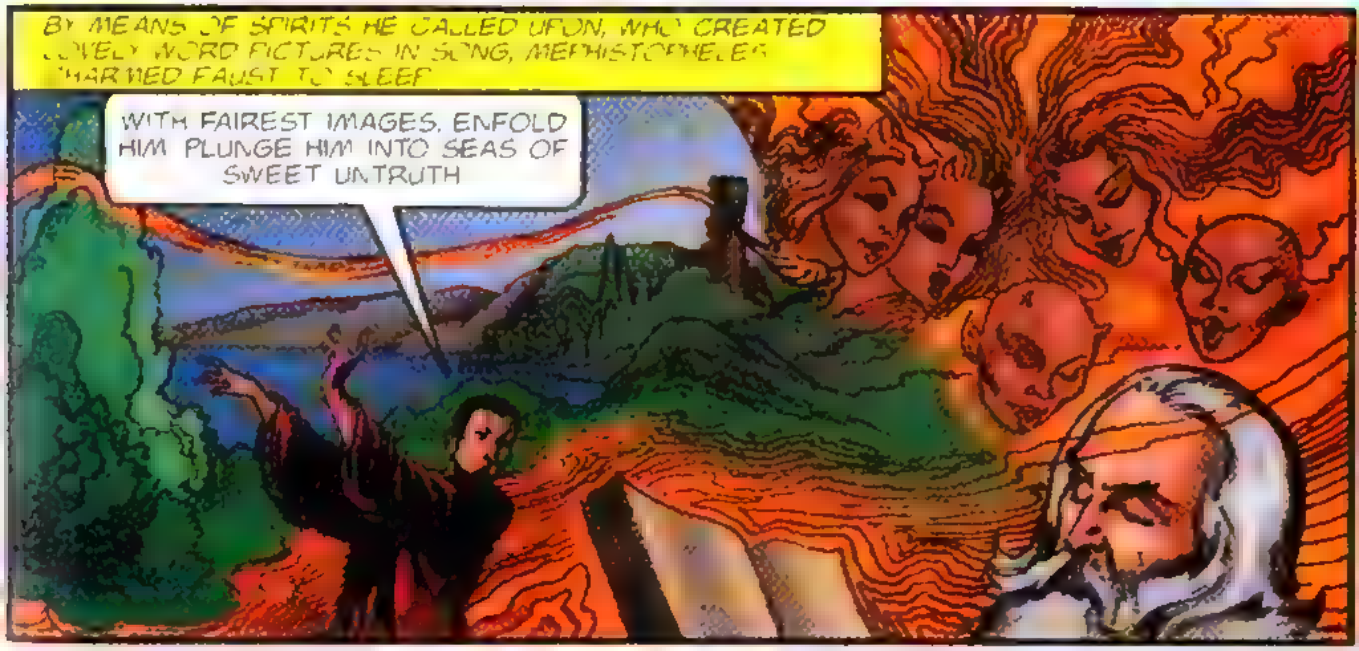
BUT TRULY IT IS NOT MUCH WITH ALL THAT I HAVE UNDERTAKEN. I CANNOT SHAKE THIS SOMETHING THAT STRIVES AGAINST THE NOTHING AND MEN. HOW MANY OF THEM HAVE I MADE AWAY WITH? YET ALWAYS ARE THERE MORE.

WELL, MORE OF THIS WHEN I NEXT VENTURE IN. FOR NOW, I MUST CONFESS: I CANNOT LEAVE HERE UNTIL YOU REMOVE THE WIZARD'S FOOT FROM YOUR DOOR. FOR WHERE DEVILS HAVE ENTERED IN, THERE ALSO MUST THEY WITHDRAW.

THEN THERE ARE LAWS EVEN IN HELL? I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT. WHY, AN AGREEMENT MIGHT BE MADE WITH YOU, GENTLEMEN. A BINDING LINE, SURELY.

RELEASE ME NOW! SHALL SOON COME AGAIN
I HAVE NO SNARES CAST AROUND YOU. YOU WALKED IN YOURSELF WHOEVER TRAPS THE DEVIL SHOULD HOLD HIM FAST

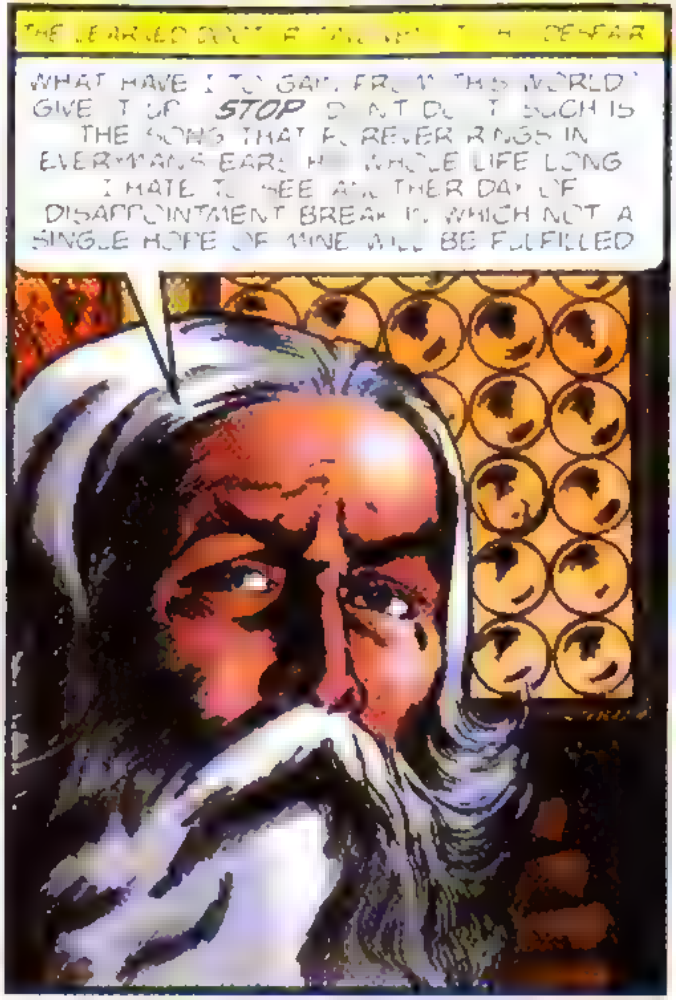
I'M CONTENT TO STAY ON CONDITION THAT WITH CERTAIN ARTS OF MINE, I CAN ENTERTAIN YOU
I AGREE


BY MEANS OF SPIRITS HE CALLED UPON, WHO CREATED LOVELY WORD PICTURES IN SONG, MEPHISTOPHELES CHARMED FAUST TO SLEEP
WITH FAIREST IMAGES, ENFOLD HIM PLUNGE HIM INTO SEAS OF SWEET UNTRUTH

MEPHISTOPHELES THEN SUMMONED A RAT
THE LORD OF RATS AND MICE, OF FLIES AND BEDBUGS, FROGS AND LICE SUMMONS YOU TO THE DOORSILL TO GNAW THE WIZARD'S FOOT AWAY

FAUST AWOKE TO AN EMPTY ROOM
WAS THAT PLEASANT DREAM NOTHING BUT AN ILLUSION THE DEVIL MADE?

LET ME REVEAL LIFE


WHAT HAVE I TO GAIN FROM THIS WORLD? GIVE IT UP. STOP DO NOT DO IT. SUCH IS THE SONG THAT EVER RINGS IN EVERYMAN'S EARS HIS WHOLE LIFE LONG. I HATE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY OF DISAPPOINTMENT BREAK IN, WHICH NOT A SINGLE HOPE OF MINE WILL BE FULFILLED

AT NIGHT, IN BED NO REST COMES TO ME, BUT SOME WILD DREAM. SO THE BURDEN OF MY DAYS WEIGHS ME DOWN. DEATH IS DESIRED, AND LIFE A HATED THING.

I CURSE ALL THE DAZZLING ILLUSIONS THAT ENTICE MEN, AND SNARE THEIR SOULS AND CONFINE THEM IN A CAVE OF PAIN. CURSED BE HIGH AMBITION, WHEREWITH THE MIND DELUDES ITSELF

CURSED BE FAME, GLORY, POSSESSIONS, MONEY, COMFORT, WIFE, LOVE! CURSED ALSO HOPE, FAITH, AND PATIENCE MOST OF ALL

A SORROWFUL CHORUS OF INVISIBLE SPIRITS WAILING HEARD
WOE! WOE! YOU HAVE DESTROYED THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD WITH A POWERFUL FIST. YOU MUST REBUILD IT ANEW WITHING YOUR OWN HEART

LEAVE YOUR DESPAIR BEHIND YOU ENTRUST ME TO GUIDE YOUR STEPS THROUGH LIFE I WILL SERVE YOU AT ONCE AND FOREVER I WILL BE YOUR SERVANT AND SLAVE

WHAT MUST I GIVE YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE?
THE TIME IS LONG YOU NEED NOT DO ANYTHING FOR THE PRESENT

NO. NO! THE DEVIL ISN'T GOING TO HELP ME FOR NOTHING LET ME HEAR YOUR CONDITIONS PLAIN AND CLEAR

HERE I'LL BE YOUR SLAVE WHEN WE MEET THERE, YOU WILL DO THE SAME FOR ME

WHAT CAN YOU GIVE ME? WEALTH THAT RUNS THROUGH ONES FINGERS LIKE QUICKSILVER? THE LOVE OF A WOMAN WHO WHEN IN MY ARMS WILL GLANCE AT OTHER MEN? HONOR, THAT LASTS A MOMENT LIKE A METEOR?

IF YOU CAN, WITH LYING FLATTERY MAKE ME PLEASED WITH MYSELF OR DECEIVE ME WITH RICH PLEASURES, LET THAT DAY BE MY LAST

GOOD! IF I EVER SAY TO A FLEETING MOMENT STAY YOU ARE SO WONDERFUL" THEN YOU MAY BIND ME IN YOUR EVERLASTING BONDS

CONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. MY MEMORY IS VERY GOOD
AS SOON AS I STOP STRIVING, I TURN INTO A SLAVE IF YOURS OR SOMEBODY ELSE'S WHATS THE DIFFERENCE?

FEAR NOT THAT I SHOULD BREAK OUR WAGER. IT IS THE END RESULT OF ALL MY STRIVING. I HAVE STRIVEN TOO HIGH

FOR YOU NO LIMITS ARE SET YOU CAN TRY EVERYTHING.

I MEAN TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF LIFE THAT EXISTS: THE HIGHEST AND THE LOWEST, BLISS AND SORROW UNTIL MY OWN BEING EXPANDS TO BECOME ONE WITH ALL MANKIND AND SHARES THE FATE OF ALL

BELIEVE ME, FOR THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF YEARS I HAVE CHEWED OVER THIS SAME TOUGH DOUGH. NO MAN HAS EVER DIGESTED IT

BUT I WILL

A GOOD REPLY! LET US PLUNGE INTO THE WORLD WITH ZEST!

FAUST LEFT THE STUDY TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR THEIR TRIP.

JUST LET HIM DESPISE REASON AND KNOWLEDGE, MAN'S HIGHEST STRENGTH. THEN HE WILL BE *MINE!*

WHEN FAUST WAS READY MEPHISTOPHELES LED [illegible]

BEFORE ALL ELSE I BRING YOU HERE WHERE JOLLY COMPANIONS GATHER I WANT TO SEE HOW SMOOTHLY LIFE RUNS AWAY HERE EACH DAY IS A HOLIDAY

GREETINGS GENTLEMEN

WE GIVE THE SAME

WE WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH YOU AND SHARE YOUR COMPANY DID I HEAR THE SOUND OF SINGING? TRULY SONG MUST ECHO FROM THIS VAULTED CEILING

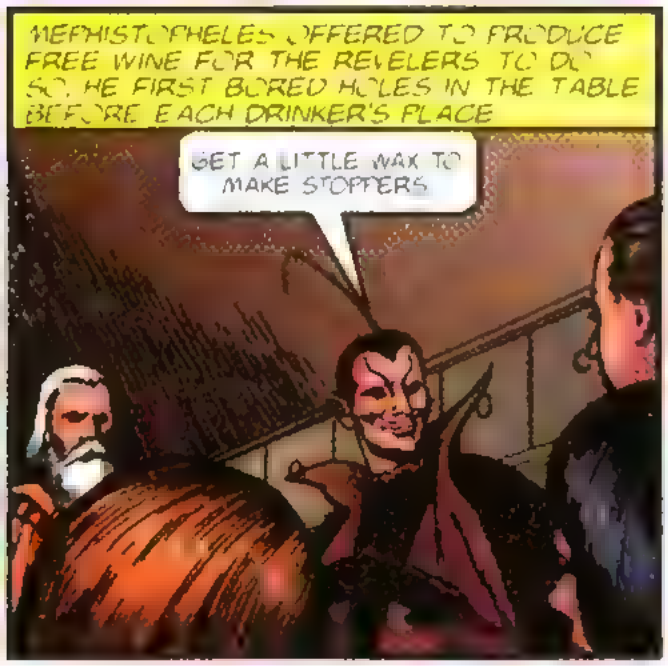
MEPHISTOPHELES BEGAN TO SING LUSTILY BEFORE THE MERRY GROUP

THERE WAS A KING ONCE REIGNING WHO HAD A BIG BLACK FLEA AND LOVED HIM DAILY EXPLAINING AS HIS OWN SON WERE HE

IN SILK AND VELVET GLEAMING HE SOON WAS WHOLLY DRESSED.. HAD A COAT WITH RIBBONS STREAMING, A CROSS UPON HIS BREAST

HE HAD THE FIRST OF STATURE
A MINISTER'S STAR AND NAME
AND ALSO ALL HIS RELATIONS
GREAT LORDS AT COURT BECAME

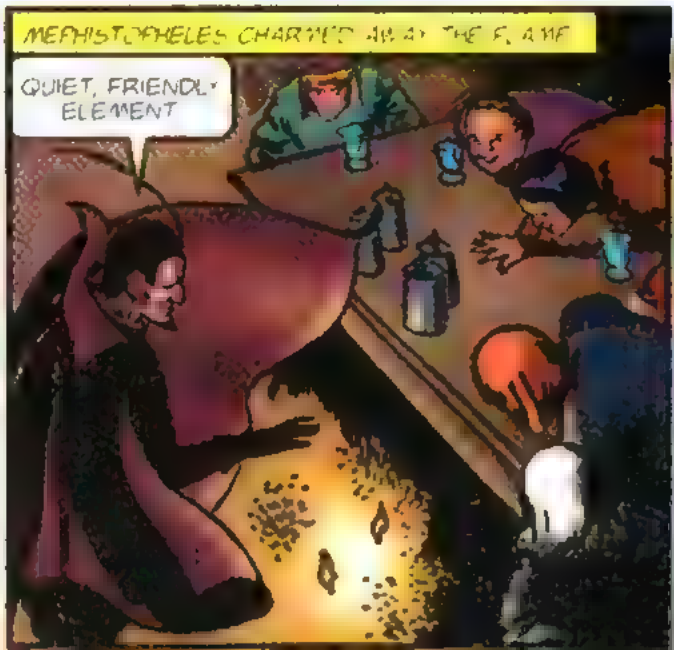
AND THE LORDS AND LADIES OF HONOUR
WERE PLACED AWAKE AND IN BED
THE QUEEN HE GOT THEM UPON HER
THE MAIDS WERE BITTEN AND BLED


MEPHISTOPHELES OFFERED TO PRODUCE FREE WINE FOR THE REVELERS TO DO SO, HE FIRST BORED HOLES IN THE TABLE BEFORE EACH DRINKER'S PLACE
GET A LITTLE WAX TO MAKE STOPPERS

WHEN ALL THE HOLES WERE
NOW DRAW THE STOPPERS AND DRINK YOUR FILL

AS STOPPER AFTER STOPPER WAS WITHDRAWN WINE FLOWED FORTH INTO EACH HAND HELD GLASS

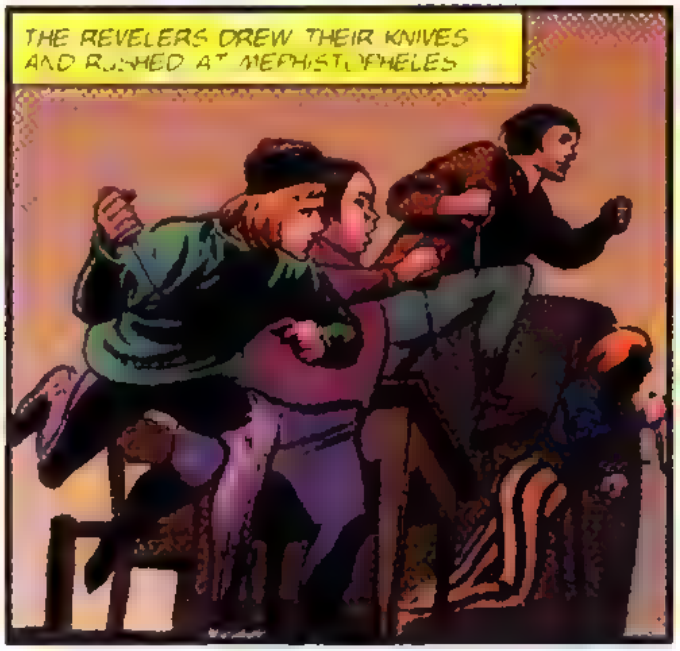
ONE OF THE REVELERS, DRINKING CARELESSLY, SPILLED SOME OF HIS WINE ON THE GROUND INSTANTLY IT TURNED TO FLAME
HELP! FIRE!


MEPHISTOPHELES CHARMED AWAY THE FLAME
QUIET, FRIENDLY ELEMENT

DON'T TRY THAT GAME ON US A SECOND TIME
YOU DARE TO PLAY YOUR HOCUS POCUS ON US!

AS THE LAST MAN DREW
I BURN! I BURN!

IT IS MAGIC STRIKE! CUT HIM DOWN!


THE REVELERS DREW THEIR KNIVES AND RUSHED AT MEPHISTOPHELES

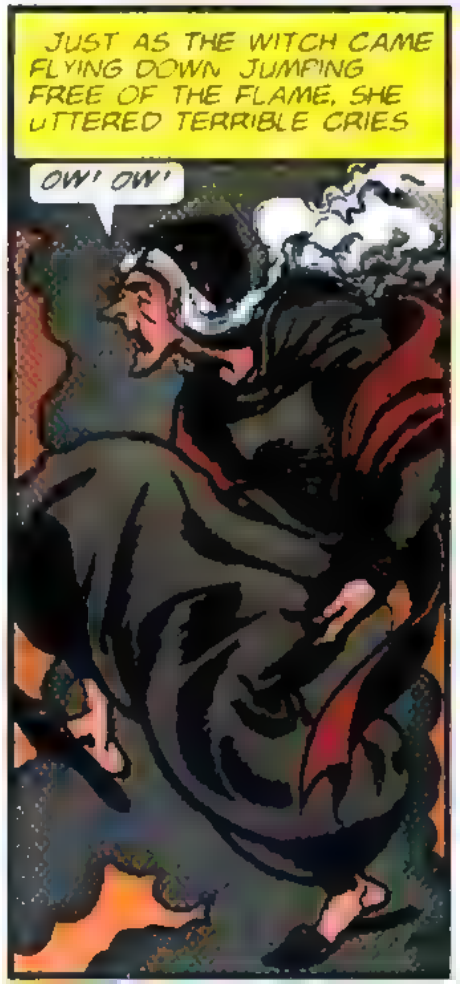
BUT WITH SOLEMN GESTURES, MEPHISTOPHELES MADE THEM ALL STAND STOCK STILL, AMAZED AND LOOKING AT EACH OTHER
NOW LET US LEAVE

MEPHISTOPHELES NOW TOOK FAUST TO THE WITCH'S KITCHEN.
THIS FOUL MESS, YOU SAY, WILL RESTORE MY YOUTH?
WITH THE WITCHS AID YES

IT SEEMS THE MISTRESS HAS GONE AWAY!
SHE FLEW OUT BY THE CHIMNEY

WHILE WAITING FOR THE WITCH TO RETURN, FAUST CHANCED TO LOOK INTO A MIRROR HE DREW BACK, THEN LOOKED AGAIN
WHAT DO I SEE? WHAT A HEAVENLY PICTURE BUT WHEN I APPROACH THIS LOVELY IMAGE OF A WOMAN FADES AWAY IN MIST

THE CAULDRON, UNATTENDED FOR A MOMENT, BEGAN TO BOIL OVER A GREAT FLAME BLAZED UP THE CHIMNEY


JUST AS THE WITCH CAME FLYING DOWN JUMPING FREE OF THE FLAME, SHE UTTERED TERRIBLE CRIES
OW! OW!

THE WITCH BERATED HER
FOR LETTING THE
CAULDRON BOIL OVER
SUDDENLY, SHE NOTICED
FAUST AND MEPHISTOPHELES
WHO ARE YOU?

IN HER ANGER SHE DIPPED THE LADLE IN THE
CAULDRON AND SCATTERED FLAMES AT THEM ALL

MEPHISTOPHELES STRUCK OUT AT JARS AND GLASS-
WARE CRASHING THEM IN FRAGMENTS TO THE FLOOR
DO YOU NOT KNOW YOUR
LORD AND MASTER

PARDON, SIR! I DID NOT KNOW
IT WAS YOU. HOW CAN I BE OF
SERVICE?
GIVE US A GOBLET
OF THE STRONGEST
BREW

AT LAST THE CUP WAS GIVEN TO FAUST AS HE RAISED IT TO HIS LIPS, A LIGHT FLAME AROSE FROM THE LIQUID
DOWN IT QUICKLY

COME WALK AT ONCE, AND SOON YOU'LL BE AWARE, WITH KEENEST THRILLS OF PLEASURE HOW CUPID STRIKES AND LEAPS

JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE RAPID GLANCE AT THAT MIRROR, HOW BEAUTIFUL THE WOMAN WAS WHOM I SAW
NO, NO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL BELIEVE ME, YOU WILL SOON SEE

THIS DRINK WILL WORK HIS BLOOD SO THAT EVERY WOMAN HE SEES WILL LOOK AS BEAUTIFUL TO HIM AS HELEN OF TROY

IN THE STREET FAUST CHANCED TO MEET A YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS JUST COMING FROM CHURCH
FAIR LADY IF IT WON'T OFFEND YOU MAY I OFFER MY ARM TO ESCORT YOU
I CAN GO HOME BY MYSELF

SHE PASSED ON
BY HEAVEN, THE GIRL IS BEAUTIFUL!

MEPHISTOPHELES CAUGHT UP TO FAUST WHO WAS STANDING THERE LOVESICK
YOU MUST INTRODUCE ME TO THAT GIRL
WHICH ONE?

THE ONE WHO JUST WENT BY
OH HER I HAVE NO POWER OVER YOUNG SOULS SO INNOCENT

FAUST INSISTED
TAKE ME TO HER
ALL RIGHT I'LL TAKE YOU TO HER TODAY

THAT EVENING THE YOUNG SIR [illegible] HAD MARGARET WAS NEATLY PLAITING HER BRAIDS IN HER BEDROOM

I WONDER WHO THAT GENTLEMAN WAS TODAY. HE WAS SUCH A GALLANT MAN

SHE LEFT THE ROOM FOR A MOMENT. MEPHISTOPHELES AND FAUST SLIPPED IN BY WAY OF THE WINDOW

WHAT POWER DREW ME HERE? HOW DEEPLY I AM WOUNDED

I SEE HER THERE RETURNING

IN AN INSTANT HE PRODUCED A CASKET OF JEWELS AND HID IT IN MARGARET'S DRESSING CHEST

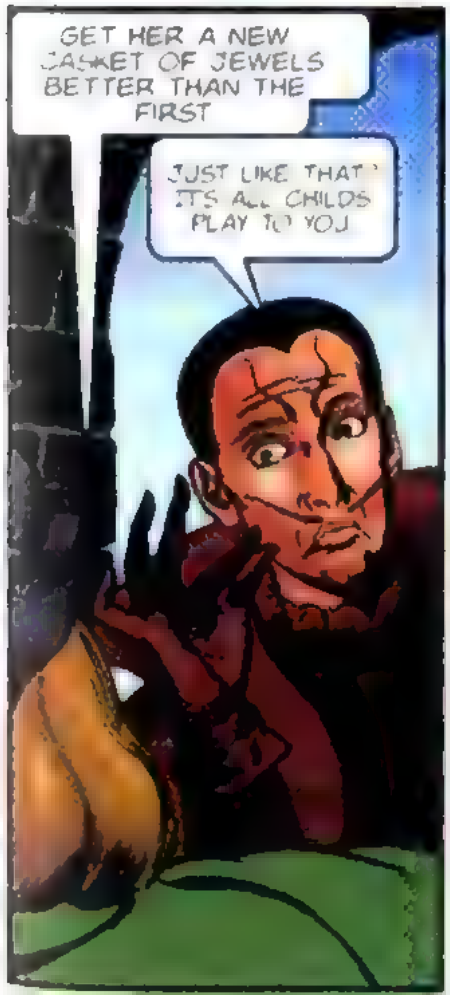
THIS WILL TURN HER HEAD. NOW QUICK AWAY!

MARGARET RETURNED AND PREPARED FOR BED. OPENING THE CHEST SHE DISCOVERED THE CASKET OF JEWELS

HOW DID THIS COME HERE? NEVER DID I SEE SUCH RICH THINGS!

THE NEXT MORNING MEPHISTOPHELES COMPLAINED THAT MARGARET'S MOTHER HAD INTERFERED WITH HIS PLANS
THE MOTHER SAW THE JEWELS AND BECAME AFRAID. SHE SUMMONED A PRIEST AND GAVE THEM TO HIM

AND MARGARET?
SHE IS RESTLESS AND KNOWS NOT WHAT TO DO. SHE THINKS OF THE JEWELS DAY AND NIGHT, AND EVEN MORE OF THE PERSON WHO GAVE THEM TO HER


GET HER A NEW CASKET OF JEWELS BETTER THAN THE FIRST
JUST LIKE THAT? IT'S ALL CHILDS PLAY TO YOU

DO AS I SAY! AND MAKE THEM BETTER JEWELS

SO SAYING, FAUST WALKED OFF LEAVING HIS SERVANT TO CARRY OUT HIS ORDERS
HE IS SO MUCH IN LOVE HE WOULD SQUANDER SUN, MOON AND STARS TO ENTERTAIN HIS SWEETHEART

LATER THAT DAY MARGARET RUSHED INTO HER NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE
MARTHA!
WHAT'S THE MATTER

I CAN HARDLY STAND MY KNEES ARE TREMBLING SO I JUST FOUND ANOTHER CASKET OF JEWELS FOR RICHER THAN THE FIRST
YOU MUST NOT TELL YOUR MOTHER

MARGARET SHOWED SOME OF THE JEWELS TO MARTHA
JUST LOOK AND SEE!
OH WHAT A LUCKY GIRL YOU ARE!

MARTHA ADORNED MARGARET WITH THE JEWELS
I DARE NOT WEAR THEM IN THE STREET
YOU CAN WEAR THEM WHENEVER YOU COME TO MY PLACE AND WALK UP AND DOWN BEFORE THE MIRROR TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT

WHOEVER COULD HAVE BROUGHT ME SUCH PRECIOUS THINGS! I SUSPECT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IN IT

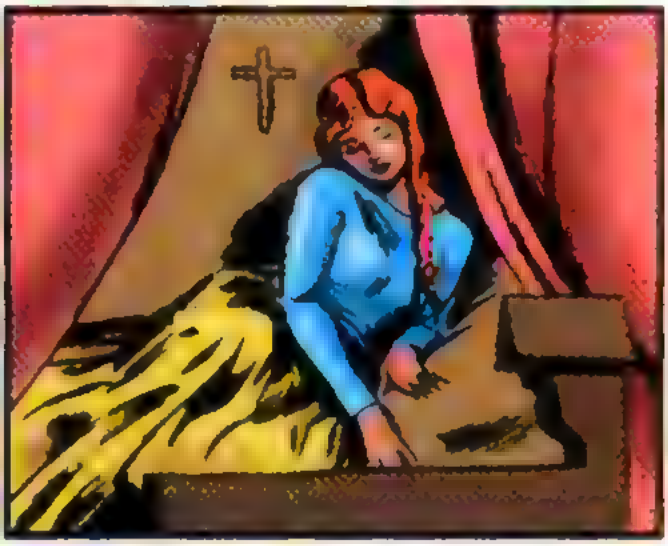
MEPHISTOPHELES KNOCKED AT MARTHA'S DOOR AND WAS ADMITTED. INTRODUCING HIMSELF AS A FRIEND OF MARTHA'S DEAD HUSBAND HE ARRANGED TO VISIT MARTHA AND MARGARET AGAIN SHORTLY WITH ANOTHER GENTLEMAN. THE LADIES RECEIVED THEIR VISITOR LATER IN MARTHA'S GARDEN.

AFTER FAUST WAS INTRODUCED, THEY BROKE INTO COUPLES AND STROLLED IN THE GARDEN.

FAUST KISSED MARGARET'S HAND.

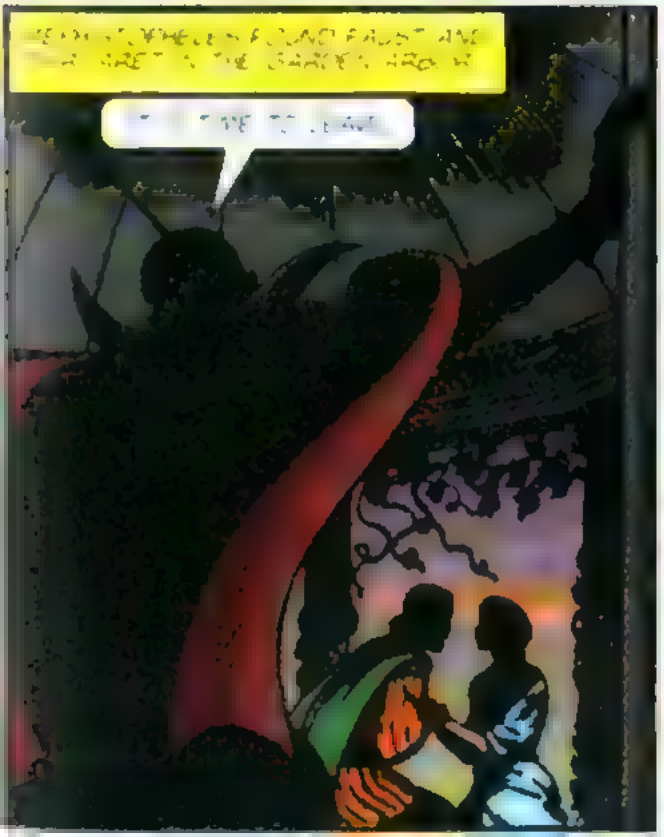
'MANY A WEARY HOUR I HAVE KNOWN. I KEPT THE BABY'S CRADLE NEAR MY BED AT NIGHT. IF IT STIRRED, I WOKE AND COMFORTED IT.

'AT THE BREAK OF MORNING, I WAS AT THE WASH-TUB STAND. THEN THERE WAS MARKETING AND TENDING THE KITCHEN, DAY AFTER DAY.'



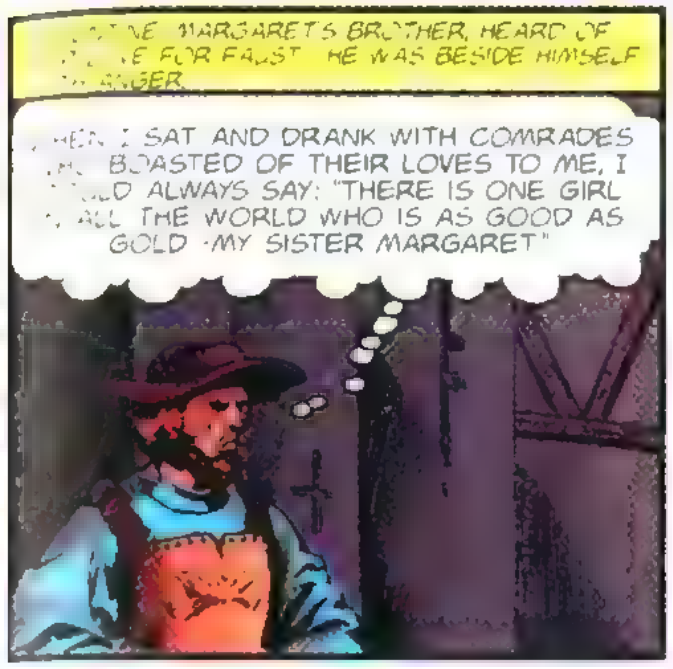
YES I WOULD LET THE FLOWER
WEAR FOR ME HE LOVES

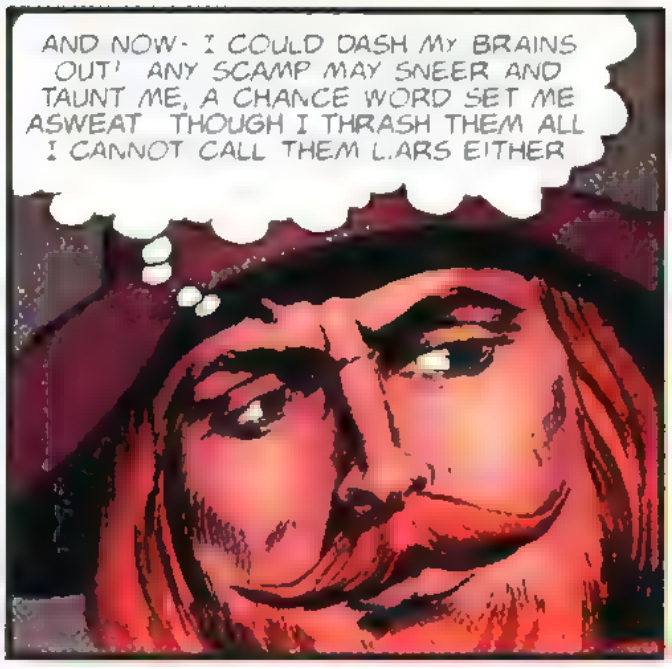
AT THE MOUNTAIN GATE
MARTHA CALLED
WEARILY HELEN
I WOULD ASK YOU NOT TO TARRY
HERE ANY LONGER THERE ARE
EVIL TONGUES IN THIS TOWN
THAT WILL WAG BUT WHERE
ARE OUR LOVE BIRDS
FLOWN UP THE
PATH OVER THERE



RELUCTANTLY FAUST LEFT
WITH HARRIET TURNED HER EYES
TOWARD ARIEL
DEAR GOD I STAND
CONFUSED BEFORE HIS
KNOWLEDGE AND ANSWER
YES TO ALL HE SAYS

IN A CAVERN IN THE WOODS FAUST GAVE THANKS TO THE SUBLIME SPIRIT
YOU GAVE ME ALL I PRAYED FOR THIS STATE OF BLISS BRINGS ME NEARER AND NEARER TO THE GODS
MEPHISTOPHELES ENTERED THE CAVERN
POOR SON OF EARTH HOW COULD YOU HAVE LED YOUR LIFE WITHOUT ME? I— FOR A TIME AT LEAST HAVE WORKED YOUR WILL
CAN YOU EVEN GUESS WHAT FRESH AND VITAL FORCES I HAVE FOUND?
YOUR LOVE SITS ALONE PINING FOR YOU FOOL GO AND COMFORT HER
FAUST RETURNED TO MARTHA'S GARDEN AND MET MARGARET LINGERING THERE
IF WE WERE DISCOVERED BY MY MOTHER, IT WOULD BE MY DEATH
HERE IS A PHIAL PUT THREE DROPS FROM IT IN HER DRINK AND SHE WILL SLIP OFF INTO A DEEP SLEEP
MARGARET RAISED OBJECTION, BUT FAUST CALMED HER FEARS AND SHE LEFT TO DO HIS BIDDING MEPHISTOPHELES APPEARED THEN TO MOCK FAUST'S LOVE
A GIRL IS LEADING YOU BY THE NOSE
GET OUT OF HERE!


VALENTINE, MARGARET'S BROTHER, HEARD OF
LOVE FOR FAUST. HE WAS BESIDE HIMSELF
WITH ANGER.
WHEN I SAT AND DRANK WITH COMRADES
WHO BOASTED OF THEIR LOVES TO ME, I
WOULD ALWAYS SAY: "THERE IS ONE GIRL
IN ALL THE WORLD WHO IS AS GOOD AS
GOLD - MY SISTER MARGARET."


AND NOW - I COULD DASH MY BRAINS
OUT! ANY SCAMP MAY SNEER AND
TAUNT ME, A CHANCE WORD SET ME
ASWEAT. THOUGH I THRASH THEM ALL
I CANNOT CALL THEM LIARS EITHER.

WOUNDED IN THE NIGHT.
WHO'S THAT? TWO MEN. IF
ONE OF THEM IS HE, I'LL KILL
HIM ON THE SPOT.

MEPHISTOPHELES AND FAUST APPROACHED
AND A MADMAN, VALENTINE RUSHED AT THEM.
... CRACK
YOUR SKULL.
QUICK! OUT
WITH YOUR
SWORD!

MEPHISTOPHELES WARDED OFF TWO BLOWS.
WHAT! AM I FIGHTING
WITH THE DEVIL?
LET HIM HAVE IT!

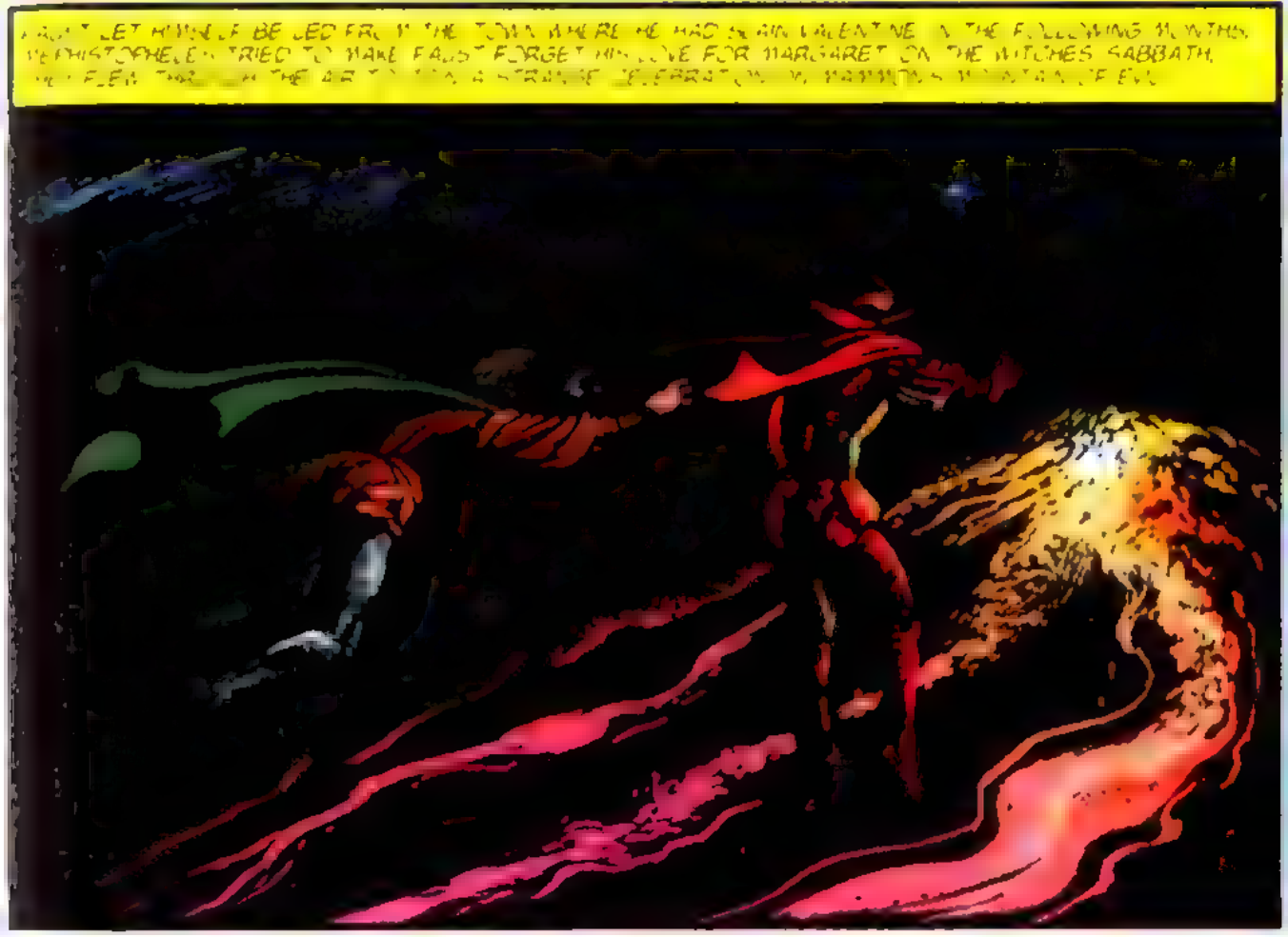
FAST THROUGH HOME AND
WE MUST FLY. SOMEONE'S CRYING

MARGARET APPEARED AT HER WINDOW AS SOME PEOPLE CAME RUNNING UP
HERE LIES ONE DEAD

IT IS YOUR BROTHER
ALMIGHTY GOD!

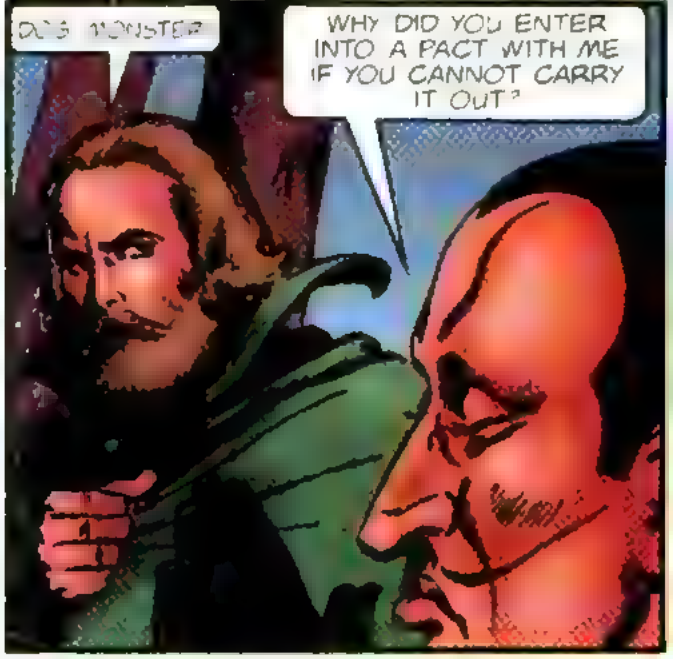
MARGARET RUSHED DOWNSTAIRS
WHAT HAS DO
STABBED ME TO THE HEART

FAUST LET HIMSELF BE LED FROM THE TOWN WHERE HE HAD SEEN VALENTINE. IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS, MEPHISTOPHELES TRIED TO MAKE FAUST FORGET HIS LOVE FOR MARGARET ON THE WITCHES SABBATH. HE FLEW THROUGH THE AIR TO [illegible] A STRANGE CELEBRATION OF HAPPINESS WITHOUT EVIL.



AT LAST, THEY ENTERED THE HUGE FAIRGROUNDS
BEHOLD! MY WARES! NO DAGGER HERE THAT HAS NOT SET BLOOD FLOWING NO CUP THAT HAS NOT HELD POISON
IN NO TIME, FAUST WAS DANCING WITH A YOUNG WITCH
AND MEPHISTOPHELES,
AT ONE POINT, MEPHISTOPHELES SAW FAUST LEAVE THE DANCE
WHY DID YOU LEAVE THAT LOVELY GIRL?
BECAUSE A RED MOUSE JUMPED OUT OF HER MOUTH
SUDDENLY FAUST SAW A PALE IMAGE ALONE IN THE DISTANCE
IT SEEMS AS IF IT IS MY KINDLY MARGARET
LET THE THING BE! IT IS A MAGIC SHAPE TO EACH MAN SHE SEEMS TO BE HIS LOVE

THE DREARY DAY, FAUST LEARNED WHAT HAD BECOME OF MARGARET
SHE IS IMPRISONED, SHUT UP IN A DUNGEON, WHILE YOU HAVE LULLED ME WITH THE MOST STUPID ACTIVITIES AND CONCEALED FROM ME HER WRETCHEDNESS


DOG MONSTER
WHY DID YOU ENTER INTO A PACT WITH ME IF YOU CANNOT CARRY IT OUT?

RESCUE HER OR WOE TO YOU! TAKE ME TO HER! SHE SHALL BE FREE!
AND WHAT OF THE DANGER TO WHICH YOU WILL EXPOSE YOURSELF? KNOW THAT THE GUILT OF BLOOD, FROM YOUR HAND, STILL LIES UPON THE TOWN

TAKE ME TO HER, I SAY, AND LIBERATE HER!
ALL RIGHT I WILL BECLOJO THE JAILER'S SENSES GET POSSESSION OF THE KEY AND LEAD HER FORTH

FAUST AND MEPHISTOPHELES SPED TO MARGARET'S RESCUE ON MAGIC STEEDS

WHEN THEY REACHED THE JAIL AT LAST
BUT A WEEK LATE FAUST
OPENED MARGARET'S DUNGEON DOOR
WITH KEYS MEPHISTOPHELES HAD TAKEN
FROM THE SLEEPING JAILER MARGARET
LAY IN CHAINS

YOU!
AHA! QUICK! WE HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO LOSE

COME FOLLOW ME HURRY! IT'S ALL I ASK OF YOU THE DARKNESS IS ALREADY

MARGARET TOLD FAUST
MY MOTHER DID I PUT TO DEATH WITH THE
DRUGS YOU GAVE ME DROWNED THE CHILD BORN TO YOU
YOUR WORDS WILL KILL ME

COME WITH ME
WHY WOULD I ESCAPE? THEY WOULD CATCH ME. AND IT WOULD BE SO WRETCHED TO LIVE WITH MY BAD CONSCIENCE

NO! WHAT DOES HE WANT HERE

YOURS ALONE AM I FATHER RESCUE ME ANGELS HOLY COURTS GUARD ME FROM EVIL

SHE IS SAVED!

PART 2

TIME PASSED. ONE NIGHT, AS DAWN APPROACHED, FAUST FELT LIFE'S PULSES AWAKE IN HIM WITH A NEW AND FRESHER FORCE, RESTORING HIS RESOLVE TO SEEK THE HIGHEST LIFE.

THERE IS NO BETTER SYMBOL OF HUMAN STRIVING THAN THE RAINBOW'S CHANGING COLORS

MEPHISTOPHELES TOOK FAUST TO THE COURT OF THE KING. THE COUNTRY WAS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY DUE TO THE KING'S LOVE OF PLEASURE AND NEGLECT OF DUTY. THE KING ADDRESSED THE NEWCOMERS TO HIS COURT.

WE NEED MONEY. HOW CAN WE GET IT?

MEPHISTOPHELES PRODUCED PAPER MONEY.

TO MAN AFTER MAN IN THIS COURT WILL I GIVE SOME. LET EACH CONFESS HOW HE WILL SPEND IT.

ONE AFTER ANOTHER STEPPED FORWARD.

I'LL LEAD A JOLLY LIFE AND ENJOY GOOD CHEER.

EVEN THE COURT FOOL RECEIVED SOME.

IS THIS REALLY MONEY?

IT WILL BRING YOU WHAT YOUR THROAT AND BELLY NEED.

THE DAY THE KING GAVE FAUST AN ORDER

I WISH TO SEE HELEN OF TROY AND PARIS THE MODEL FORMS OF WOMAN AND MAN

I WILL DO MY BEST YOUR MAJESTY

IN A GLOOMY GALLERY, FAUST TOLD MEPHISTOPHELES OF THE KING'S REQUEST

THERE IS A WAY

THERE ARE THRONED GODDESSES WHO DWELL IN SOLITUDE, WITHOUT SPACE, PLACE OR TIME THEY ARE CALLED THE MOTHER. YOU MUST DELVE IN THE DEEPEST DEPTHS TO REACH THEM HERE, TAKE THIS KEY

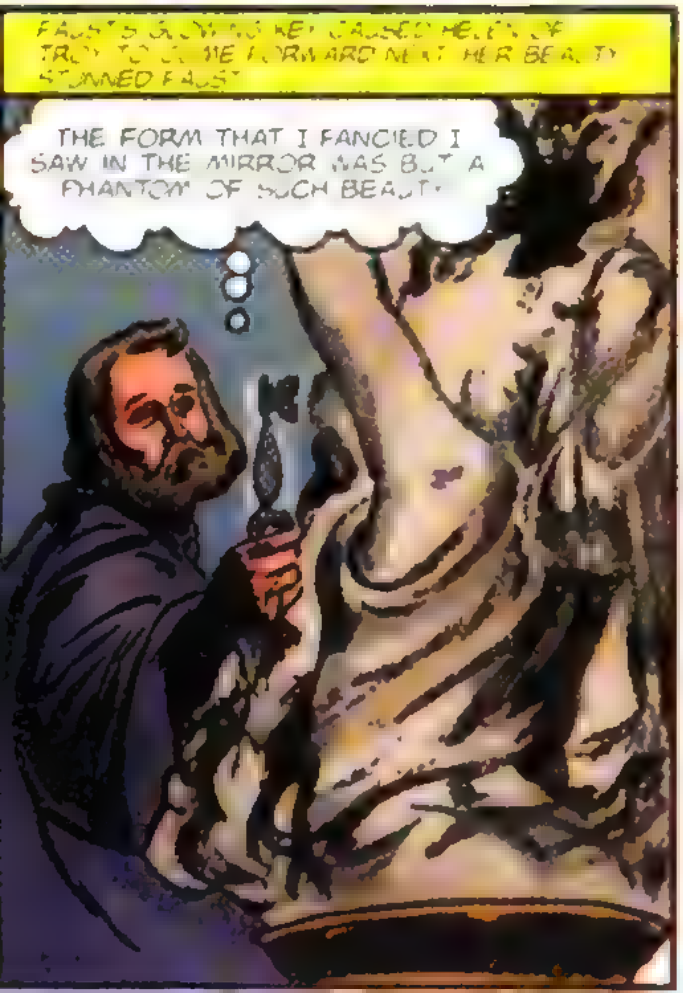
IT GLOWS, IT SHINES· AND GROWS LARGER IN MY HAND

I WILL LEAD YOU TO THE MOTHERS STAMP AND DESCEND

FAUST STAMPED AND SANK OUT OF SIGHT

SOME TIME LATER, IN A DIMLY LIGHTED HALL, THE KING AND HIS COURT SAT BEFORE A STAGE WATCHING FAUST RETURN FROM THE REGION OF THE MOTHERS. A TRIPOD WITH A SMOKING CUP OF INCENSE.

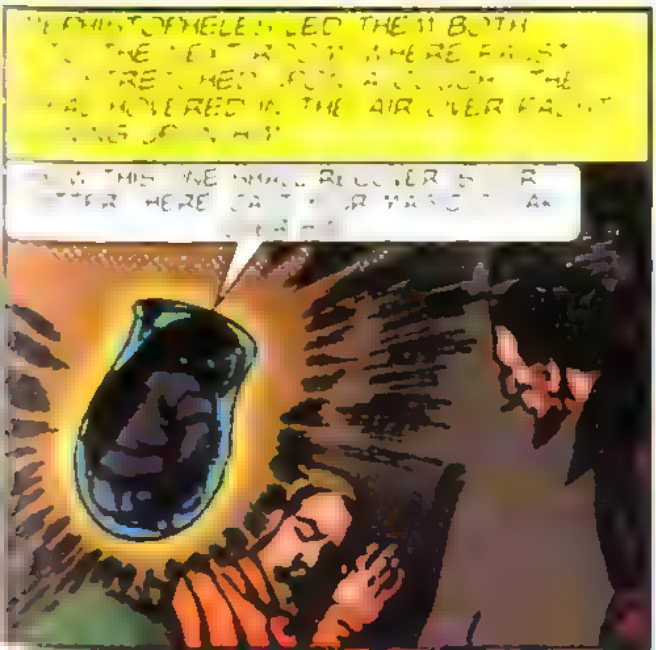
WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE GENTLE PARIS

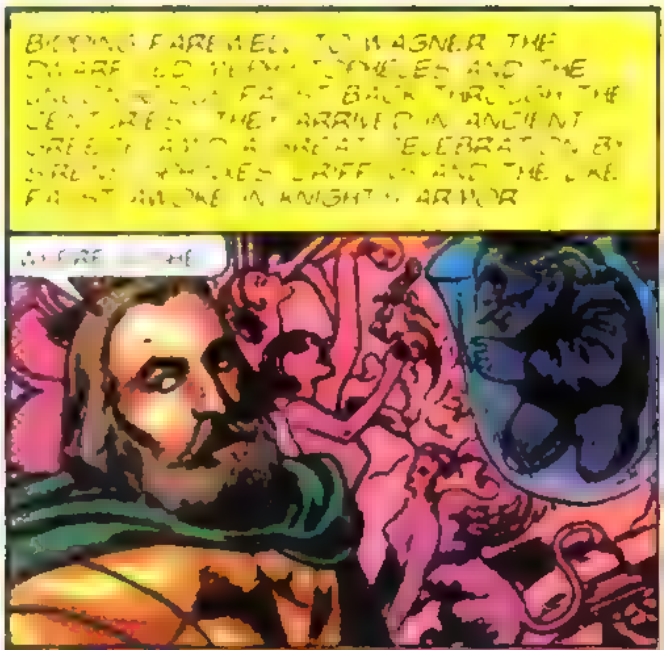

FAUST'S SOUNDING KEY CAUSED HELEN OF TROY TO COME FORWARD. NEAR HER BEAUTY STUNNED FAUST.
THE FORM THAT I FANCIED I SAW IN THE MIRROR WAS BUT A PHANTOM OF SUCH BEAUTY.

FAUST WAS SO OVERCOME THAT HE REACHED OUT TO EMBRACE HELEN. A SUDDEN EXPLOSION FLUNG HIM TO THE

YES I DROOT WHAT TO BE DONE

ROGUE!

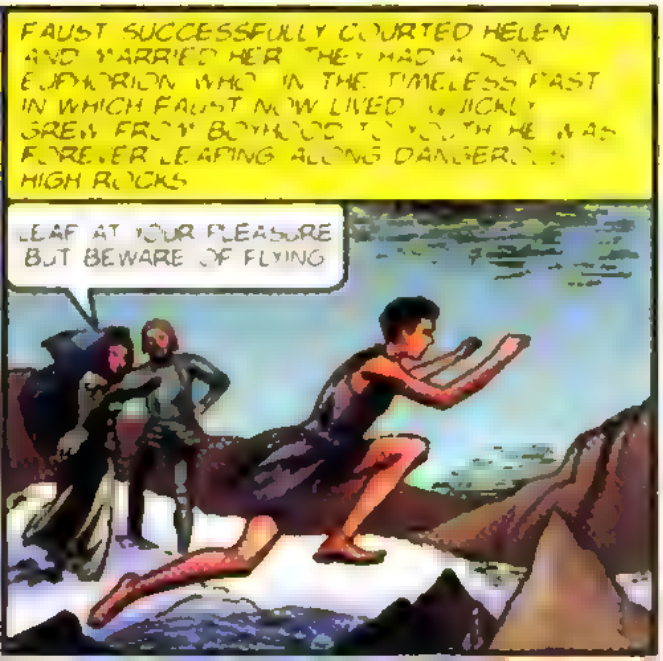


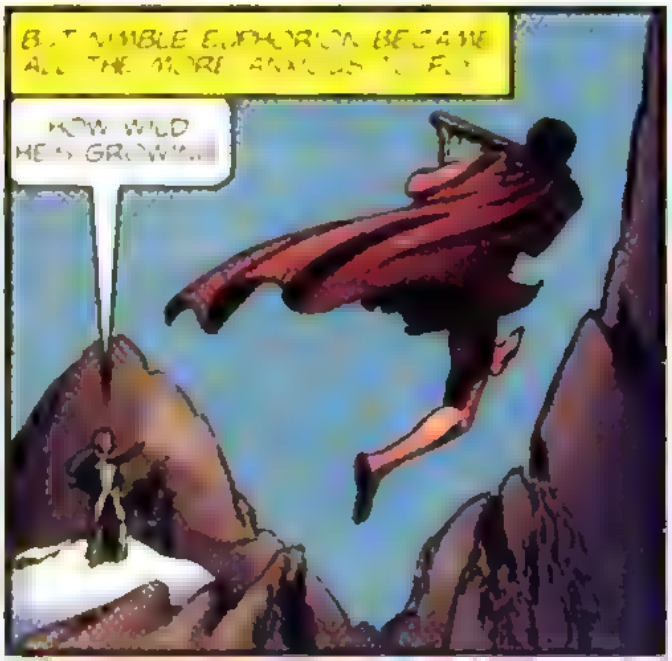


YOU WOMAN FORMS, HAS ONE OF YOU SEEN HELEN?
ASK CHIRON, WHO GALLOPS ROUND THROUGHOUT THE GHOSTLY NIGHT

FAUST SOUGHT CHIRON THE CENTAUR FINDING HIM FAUST WAITED ON CHIRON'S BACK AND WAS CARRIED TO A GREEK TEMPLE

I BID YOU COME UP HERE TO MY SIDE
IT'S A DREAM


FAUST SUCCESSFULLY COURTED HELEN AND MARRIED HER THEY HAD A SON EUPHORION WHO IN THE TIMELESS FAST IN WHICH FAUST NOW LIVED QUICKLY GREW FROM BOYHOOD TO YOUTH HE WAS FOREVER LEAPING ALONG DANGEROUS HIGH ROCKS
LEAP AT YOUR PLEASURE BUT BEWARE OF FLYING


BUT NIMBLE EUPHORION BECAME ALL THE MORE ANXIOUS TO FLY
HOW WILD HE'S GROWN...

EUPHORION LEAPT HIGHER AND FARTHER THAN BEFORE
MUST CLAMBER EVER HIGHER
EUPHORION COULD NOT RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO FLY HE CAST HIMSELF INTO THE AIR
A PAIR OF WINGS I WILL ENFOLD!
EUPHORION PLUMMETED TO HIS DEATH AT THE FEET OF HIS PARENTS
BODY VANISHED IMMEDIATELY LEAVING HIS GARMENT CLOAK AND LYRE
EXPRESSING HER WISH TO FOLLOW EUPHORION, HELEN EMBRACED FAUST. THEN SHE TOO VANISHED, LEAVING FAUST HOLDING HER ROBE AND VEIL

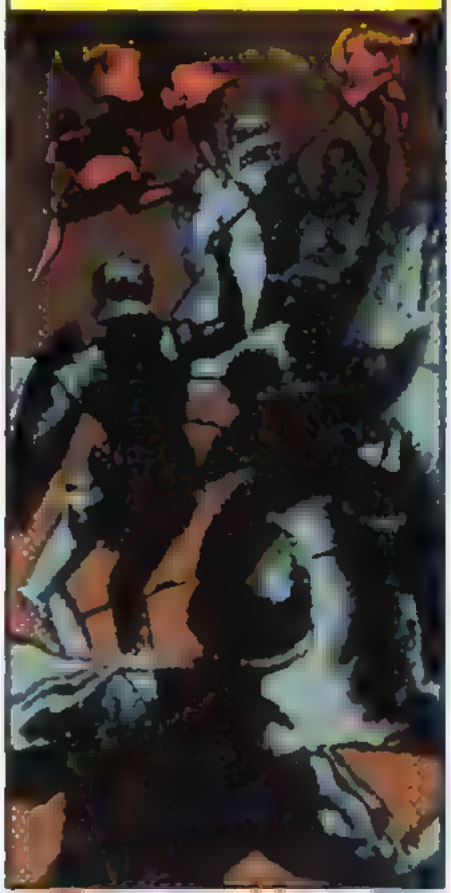
MEPHISTOPHELES RETURNED FAUST TO HIS OWN COUNTRY AND CENTURY ONCE AGAIN IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING FAUST, AS GENERAL IN-CHIEF OF THE KING'S ARMY SURVEYED A HUGE ENEMY FORCE ABOUT TO GIVE BATTLE

WE HAVE STRONGLY MASSED OUR FORCES. I TRUST WE SHALL NOT FAIL

IN THE AID OF THREE MIGHTY MEN GIVEN HIM BY MEPHISTOPHELES FAUST LED THE KING'S ARMY IN REPELLING THE ENEMY

AS THE FIGHTING RAGED NEAR A NARROW PASS MEPHISTOPHELES RAISED UP AN ARMY OF THE DEAD WHO CAME FORTH FROM EVERY JAGGED CREVICE

THE ENEMY RETREATED DRIVING AWAY [illegible]



BUT THEY SOON RALLIED AND CHARGED AGAIN. MEPHISTOPHELES CREATED THE ILLUSION OF A FLOOD THE ENEMY SOLDIERS THINKING THEY WERE DROWNING RAN AWAY ABSURDLY WITH A SWIMMING MOTION

FAUST NEXT TURNED TO PEACEFUL PURSUITS. AT THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED, AS HE APPROACHED DEATH, CARE VISITED HIM.
HE WHOM I ONCE POSSESS SHALL NEVER FIND THE WORLD WORTH HIS STRIVING.
I HAVE NO MIND TO HEAR SUCH DRIVEL! LEAVE! YOUR GLOOMY TALK MIGHT EVEN DELUDE THE WISEST MAN TO EVIL. I SHALL NOT RECOGNIZE YOU.
THROUGHOUT THEIR WHOLE LIVES MEN ARE BLIND. SO, FAUST, BE LIKE THEM AT LAST.
BENDING FORWARD, CARE BREATHED IN FAUST'S FACE, BLINDING HIM.
THE DEEP NIGHT SEEMS TO PRESS AROUND ME. BUT IN MY INMOST SPIRIT, ALL IS LIGHT.

AS MEPHISTOPHELES ENCOURAGED SPIRITS OF THE DEAD TO DIG FAUST'S GRAVE, THE BLIND, AGED FAUST GROPED HIS WAY ALONG THE DOORPOSTS OUT OF THE PALACE.
HE SPOKE OPTIMISTICALLY.
HE ONLY EARNS HIS FREEDOM AND EXISTENCE WHO DAILY CONQUERS THEM ANEW. SUCH A CROWD I HOPE TO SEE OF FREE PEOPLE LIKE THIS STANDING ON A FREE SOIL. THEN WOULD I HAIL THE FLEEING MOMENT AND SAY: "STAY--YOU ARE SO WONDERFUL."
FAUST SANK BACK, DEAD.
THE SPIRITS TOOK HIM AND LAID HIM BY THE GRAVE.
NO JOY COULD SATISFY HIM, AND NO BLISS WAS EVER ENOUGH. HIS LIFE WAS NAUGHT, COMPLETE MONOTONY. WHAT GOOD WAS ALL HIS ENDLESS STRIVING?
MEPHISTOPHELES MADE FANTASTIC, WHIRLING GESTURES, CONJURING UP THE DEVILS OF HELL.
COME ON! WITH STRAIGHT OR CROOKED HORNS! AND BRING THE JAWS OF HELL WITH YOU!

ON THE LEFT, THE FEARFUL JAWS OF HELL OPENED.

AS SOON AS THE SOUL APPEARS, I'LL STAMP AND SEAL IT AND FLING IT TO THE WHIRLING, FIERY STORM!

ABOVE, ON THE RIGHT, CAME THE VOICE OF GLORY.

HEAVENLY KINDRED! FOLLOW US HERE!

DISCORDS I HEAR!

A CHORUS OF ANGELS APPEARED, SCATTERING ROSES UPON THE DEVILS, FORCING THEM TO FLEE BACK INTO THE JAWS OF HELL.

BEAR THE SLEEPER TO PARADISE.

WHILE MEPHISTOPHELES RANTED AGAINST THEM, THE ANGELS BORE AWAY THE IMMORTAL PART OF FAUST, RISING HIGHER, EVER HIGHER FOR HIS STRIVING, WHICH MEPHISTOPHELES HAD NEVER QUELLED, AND FOR HIS LOVE OF MARGARET, FAUST WAS SAVED.

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